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*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
4/14/13	50	27	23	45	10	35	5
3/10/13	50	29	21	46	11	36	4
1/13/13	55	32	23	41	8	33	4
12/16/12	54	33	21	42	9	32	5
11/4/12 RV	52	33	10	46	10	36	2
11/3/12 RV	51	33	10	47	10	37	2
11/2/12 RV	51	32	11	47	11	36	2
11/1/12 RV	50	31	11	48	11	37	2
10/31/12 RV	50	30	11	48	11	37	2
10/30/12 RV	50	28	12	48	12	37	2
10/29/12 RV	50	28	11	48	11	36	2
10/28/12 RV	51	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/27/12 RV	50	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/26/12 RV	51	29	10	46	10	36	3
10/25/12 RV	50	29	9	47	9	37	3
10/24/12 RV	50	29	10	48	10	38	3
10/23/12 RV	50	29	21	47	9	37	3
10/22/12 RV	50	30	20	47	10	38	3
10/21/12 RV	51	31	20	47	10	37	2
10/13/12	50	30	21	44	10	34	6
9/29/12	50	26	24	46	12	34	4
9/9/12	49	29	20	45	11	35	6
8/25/12	50	27	23	46	13	33	4
7/8/12	47	24	24	49	15	34	4
5/20/12	47	26	21	49	13	36	3
4/8/12	50	30	20	45	10	35	6
3/10/12	46	28	18	50	11	39	4
2/4/12	50	29	22	46	11	36	3
1/15/12	48	25	23	48	11	37	4
12/18/11	49	25	24	47	13	34	4
11/3/11	44	22	22	53	15	37	3
10/2/11	42	21	21	54	14	40	4
9/1/11	43	21	22	53	16	38	3
8/9/11*	44	18	26	46	9	37	10
7/17/11	47	25	22	48	14	35	5
6/5/11	47	27	20	49	13	37	4
5/2/11**	56	29	27	38	14	24	6
4/17/11	47	27	21	50	12	37	3
3/13/11	51	27	24	45	12	33	4
1/16/11	54	30	23	43	15	28	3

12/12/10	49	24	25	47	15	32	4
10/28/10	50	27	23	45	11	34	5
10/3/10	50	26	24	47	13	34	3
9/2/10	46	24	22	52	14	38	3
7/11/10	50	28	22	47	12	35	3
6/6/10	52	30	22	45	12	33	4
4/25/10	54	31	23	44	11	33	3
3/26/10	53	34	20	43	8	35	3
2/8/10	51	29	22	46	12	33	3
1/15/10	53	30	24	44	13	32	2
12/13/09	50	31	18	46	13	33	4
11/15/09	56	32	23	42	13	29	2
10/18/09	57	33	23	40	11	29	3
9/12/09	54	35	19	43	12	31	3
8/17/09	57	35	21	40	11	29	3
7/18/09	59	38	22	37	9	28	4
6/21/09	65	36	29	31	10	22	4
4/24/09	69	42	27	26	8	18	4
3/29/09	66	40	26	29	9	20	5
2/22/09	68	43	25	25	8	17	7

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2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling [ITEM]? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

4/14/13 - Summary Table

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	op.
a. The economy	44	22	22	53	12	41	3
b. Gun control	45	29	15	49	11	38	7
c. Immigration issues	44	24	21	43	12	30	13

Trend:

a. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
4/14/13	44	22	22	53	12	41	3
3/10/13	44	24	20	52	10	42	4
1/13/13	50	24	25	47	10	37	3
12/16/12	50	27	23	48	10	38	3
10/13/12 RV	47	26	21	51	10	41	2
9/29/12 RV	47	23	25	52	10	41	1
9/9/12 RV	45	24	21	53	8	45	2
8/25/12	44	20	23	54	12	42	3
7/8/12	44	21	23	54	13	41	2
5/20/12	42	20	22	55	11	44	2
4/8/12	44	23	21	54	12	42	2
3/10/12	38	20	18	59	9	50	2
2/4/12	44	23	22	53	11	41	3
1/15/12	41	19	22	57	11	46	2
12/18/11	41	17	24	56	13	43	2
11/3/11	38	18	20	61	13	48	2
10/2/11	35	17	19	61	13	48	4
9/1/11	36	15	21	62	15	47	2
7/17/11	39	18	22	57	15	43	3
6/5/11	40	20	20	59	10	49	2
5/2/11*	40	18	22	55	16	39	4
4/17/11	42	23	19	57	11	46	2

3/13/11	43	22	21	55	13	41	2
1/16/11	46	22	24	51	13	38	2
12/12/10	43	21	22	54	15	39	3
10/28/10 RV	44	21	23	54	15	39	3
10/3/10	45	22	23	53	13	41	2
9/2/10	41	20	21	57	13	44	2
7/11/10	43	20	23	54	13	41	4
6/6/10	50	26	24	49	12	37	2
4/25/10	49	24	25	49	10	39	2
3/26/10	45	23	22	52	12	40	3
2/8/10	45	22	23	53	15	38	2
1/15/10	47	22	24	52	13	39	1
12/13/09	46	23	24	52	12	40	2
11/15/09	51	26	25	47	12	36	2
10/18/09	50	29	22	48	13	35	1
9/12/09	51	28	24	46	13	33	2
8/17/09	52	27	25	46	13	33	2
7/18/09	52	29	23	46	10	35	3
6/21/09	56	28	28	41	13	27	3
4/24/09	58	31	28	38	13	25	4
3/29/09	60	34	25	38	12	26	3
2/22/09	60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6

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b. No trend.

c. Immigration issues

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
4/14/13	44	24	21	43	12	30	13
2/3/13	49	27	22	43	15	28	8
7/8/12	38	20	18	52	18	34	10
6/6/10	39	17	23	51	14	37	10
3/26/10	33	14	19	43	15	28	23
4/24/09	48	NA	NA	35	NA	NA	18

3. Given what you've heard about it, do you approve or disapprove of the budget plan Obama presented to Congress last week? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
4/14/13	30	13	17	38	11	27	32

4. Do you think [ITEM] is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is he/it out of touch?

4/14/13 - Summary Table

	In touch	Out of touch	No opinion
a. Barack Obama	51	46	2
b. The Republican Party	23	70	7
c. The Democratic Party	43	51	6

5. Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community, or are jobs difficult to find? (IF DIFFICULT TO FIND) Are jobs very or somewhat difficult to find in your community?

Plenty of jobs available	- Difficult to find - NET Somewhat Very	Lots of some jobs, few of others (vol.)	No opinion
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4/14/13	24	67	33	34	4	5
10/13/12 RV	25	69	36	32	2	5
4/8/12	24	70	35	35	2	4
7/17/11	14	82	33	49	2	2
12/13/09	12	84	NA	NA	2	2
10/4/09*	14	79			3	3
2/8/09	11	80			3	6
12/8/08	19	73			4	4
10/12/08	25	64			4	7
7/27/08	31	58			4	7
4/27/08	30	61			4	5
2/2/08	34	53			5	8
11/07	41	48			4	7
9/16/07	36	50			6	8
6/3/07	39	49			5	7
2/11/07	39	48			6	7
12/10/06	40	49			5	6
3/7/06	37	56			3	4
1/8/06	33	56			6	5
10/10/05	36	56			4	4
5/15/05	30	60			6	4
1/9/05	32	58			5	5
9/21/04	31	52			6	11
8/10/04	34	55			4	7
4/25/04	30	57			4	9
2/29/04	31	59			5	6
1/11/04	27	60			6	7
10/19/03	24	66			5	5
6/23/02	31	59			4	6
6/17/01	42	44			8	6
8/9/92	15	76			6	3
5/7/92	16	77			4	3
1/21/92	12	79	"	"	6	3

*10/09 to 6/01 Pew; 1992 U.S. News & World Reports

6. Would you say the availability of jobs in your community is getting better, getting worse, or staying the same?

	Getting better	Getting worse	Staying the same	No opinion
4/14/13	32	15	50	3
4/17/11*	26	37	35	1

*"... jobs in your area"

7. Automatic across-the-board cuts in federal spending have begun to take effect because Obama and the Republicans in Congress were unable to reach a budget agreement earlier this year. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of these budget cuts taking place? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	Approve			Disapprove			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
4/14/13	35	16	19	57	20	37	8
3/10/13*	39	16	23	53	19	34	8

*"last week"

8. Have you personally felt any negative impact of these budget cuts, or not? (IF YES) Has it been a major impact or minor?

	Yes			No
	NET	Major	Minor	opinion

4/14/13	33	17	16	65	2
3/10/13	25	14	11	73	2

9. As far as you know, do you have any close friends or relatives who have felt any negative impact of these budget cuts, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
4/14/13	42	55	4

8/9 NET

	-----Felt impact-----			Did not	
	NET	You	Friends/family	felt impact	No opinion
4/14/13	49	33	16	51	*

10. Do you think these budget cuts are or are not hurting the economy? (IF YES) Do you think they're hurting it a great deal or somewhat?

	----- Yes -----				No
	NET	A great deal	Somewhat	No	opinion
4/14/13	63	28	35	28	8
3/10/13*	64	32	33	32	4

* "Just your best guess, do you think the budget cuts will hurt the economy, or not?"

11. On another subject, do you support or oppose changing the way Social Security benefits are calculated so that benefits increase at a slower rate than they do now? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
4/14/13	37	16	21	51	17	34	11
7/17/11*	42	18	24	53	14	38	5

*"In order to reduce the national debt, would you support or oppose..."

Compare to: In order to strike a budget deal that avoids the so-called "fiscal cliff", would you accept changing the way Social Security benefits are calculated so that benefits increase at a slower rate than they do now, or is this something you would find unacceptable? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Accept -----			----- Unacceptable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
12/16/12	34	13	21	60	18	41	7

Changing topics,

12. Do you think (new gun control laws always interfere with the right to own guns), or do you think (it's possible to make new gun control laws without interfering with gun rights)?

	Always	Possible to make	No right to	No
	interfere	without interfering	own guns (vol.)	opinion
4/14/13	38	55	1	6

13. Which do you think should be a higher priority right now - (enacting new laws to try to reduce gun violence), or (protecting the right to own guns)?

Enacting new	Protecting the	Both	Neither	No
gun laws	right to own guns	(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion

4/14/13 52 40 3 2 3

14. Would you support or oppose a law requiring [ITEM]? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

4/14/13 - Summary Table

	----- Support -----	----- Oppose -----	No
	NET Strg. Smwt.	NET Smwt. Strg.	opin.
a. A nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons	56 45 11	42 12 30	2
b. A nationwide ban on high-capacity ammunition clips, meaning those containing more than 10 bullets	56 44 12	41 10 31	3
c. Background checks on people buying guns at gun shows or online	86 76 10	13 3 9	1

Trend:

a. A nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons

	----- Support -----	----- Oppose -----	No
	NET Strongly Somewhat	NET Somewhat Strongly	opinion
4/14/13	56 45 11	42 12 30	2
3/10/13	57 46 11	41 11 30	2
1/13/13	58 50 9	39 12 26	3
1/19/11*	63 NA NA	34 NA NA	3
4/26/09*	54 " "	41 " "	5
4/22/07**	67 54 13	30 10 21	3
5/10/00	71 60 11	27 11 16	2
9/2/99	77 68 9	22 8 14	1
5/16/99	79 67 12	19 7 12	2
6/14/94	80 NA NA	18 NA NA	2

*CBS/NYT "Do you favor or oppose a nationwide ban on assault weapons"

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b. A nation-wide ban on high-capacity ammunition clips, meaning those containing more than 10 bullets

	----- Support -----	----- Oppose -----	No
	NET Strongly Somewhat	NET Somewhat Strongly	opinion
4/14/13	56 44 12	41 10 31	3
1/13/13	65 53 12	32 11 21	3
12/16/12	59 47 12	38 9 29	2
1/16/11	57 46 11	39 10 29	3

c. Background checks on people buying guns at gun shows or online

	----- Support -----	----- Oppose -----	No
	NET Strongly Somewhat	NET Somewhat Strongly	opinion
4/14/13	86 76 10	13 3 9	1
3/10/13*	91 82 9	8 2 6	1
1/13/13	88 76 12	11 3 8	1
5/10/00	92 82 10	6 3 3	2
9/2/99	90 80 10	9 7 3	1
5/16/99	89 77 12	11 7 4	*

*3/10/13 and previous: "Requiring background checks on people buying guns at gun shows"

15. Say someone legally sells a gun that later is used in a crime. Do you think the crime victim should or should not be able to sue the gun seller for damages? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	- Should be able to sue -			Should not be able to sue			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
4/14/13	24	17	8	72	10	61	4

16. Do you or does anyone in your house own a gun, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
4/14/13	43	55	2
3/10/13	42	57	1
1/13/13	44	56	1
1/16/11	44	55	*
4/24/09	41	58	*
6/15/08	42	58	*
4/22/07	45	55	0
10/8/06	42	58	*
10/20/02	41	59	*
5/10/00	45	55	*
4/2/00	43	56	*
9/2/99	44	56	*
5/16/99	46	53	*

17. (IF GUN OWNER IN HOUSEHOLD) Do you personally own a gun or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
4/14/13	69	31	1
9/2/99	66	34	0

15/16 NET:

	----- Gun owner in HH -----					No gun owner	No
	NET	Personal	Other	HH member	DK	in HH	opinion
4/14/13	43	30		13	*	55	2

18. (IF GUN OWNER IN HOUSEHOLD) What about if we leave out BB guns, starter's pistols and guns that don't fire, such as antique or ornamental guns? Not counting any of those, do you or does anyone in your house own a gun, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
4/14/13	87	12	1

16/17 NET:

	----- Gun owner in HH -----					No gun owner	No
	NET	Actual firearm	Not an actual firearm	DK		in HH	opinion
4/14/13	43	37		5	1	55	2

19. Do you think having a gun in the house makes it (a safer place to be) or (a more dangerous place to be)?

	A safer place to be	A more dangerous place to be	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
4/14/13	51	29	16	4
10/12/06*	47	43	7	3
10/14/04	42	46	10	2
9/5/00	35	51	11	3

*2006 and previous: Gallup

20. Have you, or any close personal friends or relatives of yours, ever been a victim of a crime involving a gun, or not?

		----- Yes -----					
	NET	Myself	Someone else	Myself and someone else (vol.)	No	Other (vol.)	No op.
4/14/13	30	7	21	1	69	*	1

21. Have you ever [ITEM], or not?

4/14/13 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Called, written to, or emailed a public official expressing your views on gun control	14	86	*
b. Given money to an organization involved in the gun control issue	10	90	*

Trend:

a. Called, written to, or emailed a public official expressing your views on gun control

	Yes	No	No opinion
4/14/13	14	86	*
9/2/99	10	90	*

b. Given money to an organization involved in the gun control issue

	Yes	No	No opinion
4/14/13	10	90	*
9/2/99*	13	86	1

*"...concerned with the gun control issue"

22. If you agreed with a political candidate on other issues, but not on the issue of gun control, could you still vote for that candidate, or not?

	Could still vote	Could not still vote	No opinion
4/14/13	60	29	11
9/7/08* RV	82	15	3
4/22/07	60	31	9
3/7/04*	75	23	3

*"presidential candidate"

On another subject,

23. (HALF SAMPLE) Would you support or oppose a program giving ILLEGAL immigrants now living in the United States the right to live here LEGALLY if they pay a fine and meet other requirements?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
4/14/13	64	32	4
6/6/10	57	40	3
4/24/09	61	35	3
12/19/07	49	46	5
11/1/07	51	44	4

6/1/07 52 44 4

24. (HALF SAMPLE) Would you support or oppose a program giving UNDOCUMENTED immigrants now living in the United States the right to live here LEGALLY if they pay a fine and meet other requirements?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
4/14/13	62	34	4

25. (IF SUPPORT PATH TO LEGAL STATUS IN Q22 OR Q23) Do you think a law allowing people to apply for citizenship should take effect (only after border control has been improved), or should take effect (without being linked to border control efforts)?

	Only after border control has been improved	Without being linked to border control efforts	No opinion
4/14/13	50	44	6

23/24/25 NET:

	----- Support path to legal status-----					
	NET	After border control has been improved	Without being linked to border control efforts	DK	Oppose	No op.
4/14/13	63	31	28	4	33	4

26. (IF SUPPORT PATH TO LEGAL STATUS IN Q22 OR Q23) If it takes 13 years for someone to receive citizenship under a path-to-citizenship program, does that sound too (long), too (short), or about the right amount of time?

	Too long	Too short	Right amount of time	No opinion
4/14/13	69	4	25	2

23/24/26 NET:

	----- Support path to legal status-----						
	NET	Too long	Too short	Right amount of time	DK	Oppose	No opinion
4/14/13	63	43	3	16	1	33	4

27. Would you support or oppose each of the following items. First is, [ITEM]?

4/14/13 - Summary Table

	NET	Support Strg.	Smwt.	NET	Oppose Smwt.	Strg.	No op.
a. More visas for highly skilled workers from other countries	60	32	28	37	12	25	3
b. A guest worker program for low-skilled workers from other countries	56	28	28	40	11	29	5
c. Reducing the number of visas for family members of legal immigrants	41	20	21	53	24	29	6
d. Higher federal spending on border control	67	43	24	29	14	15	4
e. Requiring all businesses to check on the immigration status of potential employees	83	66	17	15	6	9	2

28-29 held for release.

Party ID: Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
4/14/13	33	23	36	5	3
3/10/13	33	25	35	5	2
1/13/13	33	24	37	5	1
12/16/12	31	24	38	4	4
11/4/12	33	25	34	4	5
11/4/12 RV	33	27	35	3	2
11/4/12 LV	35	29	32	3	1
10/13/12	33	22	37	4	4
9/29/12	31	25	36	5	3
9/9/12	33	23	37	4	3
8/25/12	31	22	39	6	3
7/8/12	33	24	36	4	3
5/20/12	32	22	38	7	2
4/18/12	34	23	34	5	3
3/10/12	31	27	36	3	3
2/12/12	34	23	37	5	1
1/15/12	32	25	36	5	2

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